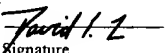
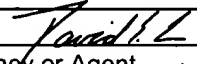
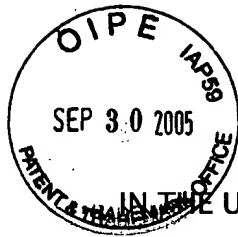


AF
JFW

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	09/641,553
	Filing Date	August 17, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Wang et al.
	Group Art Unit	2155
	Examiner Name	Bharat N. Barot
<input type="checkbox"/> Sent via Express Mail Label No.:	Attorney Docket Number	141388.05

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (sheets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Newly Executed (pages) <input type="checkbox"/> A copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (pages)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO/SB/08A (pages)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Notice to File Missing Parts <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts Under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION (Under 37 CFR § 1.8(a)) I hereby certify that this correspondence is being: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; or <input type="checkbox"/> transmitted by facsimile on the date shown below to the USPTO at (571) _____ September 27, 2005 Date  Signature David Lee Printed Name	<input type="checkbox"/> General Power of Attorney (SB80) <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Corrected Filing Receipt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substance of Interview <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of this Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Remarks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0463 for the above identified patent application.		

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT					
Signature		Reg. No.	38,222		
Name of Attorney or Agent		David Lee			
Date	September 27, 2005	Tel.	(425) 703-8092	Facsimile No.	(425) 708-5046
Assignee Name:		MICROSOFT CORPORATION ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052			
Customer Number:		22971			



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No.:.....09/641,553
Filing Date: 08/17/2000
Inventors:.....Wang, et al.
Applicant:Microsoft Corporation
Group Art Unit:2155
Examiner: Bharat N. Barot
Confirmation No.:6337
Applicant's Docket No.:..... 141388.05
Title: Weak Leader Election

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

To: Mail Stop: AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

From: David S. Lee
Customer No. 22971

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application and in compliance with the requirements of MPEP §713.04 and 37 CFR §1.133(b), the Applicant hereby submits a Substance of Interview. The Substance of Interview is further submitted in response to the Interview Summary issued by the Examiner on September 20, 2005, subsequent to the telephone interview of September 20, 2005, with the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

The Interview Summary states the following:

"Proposed claims 7 and 20 are distinguished from the cited prior-arts. Proposed claim 13 amended by adding a new limitation, a host-start lookup protocol that would require further consideration and search."

REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to, again, thank Examiner Barot for the courtesy and cooperation extended towards the Applicant's undersigned attorney during the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Microsoft Corporation

Date: September 27, 2005
Microsoft Corporation
One Microsoft Way
Redmond, WA 98052

By: David S. Lee

David S. Lee
Reg. No. 38,222
(425) 703-8092

Certificate of Mailing or Transmission
(under 37 CFR § 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:

☒ deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. or

September 27, 2005
Date

David S. Lee
Signature

David S. Lee
Print Name Here